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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, various fees may be charged
6 for the issuance of driver licenses and nondriver
7 identification cards.

8 This bill would eliminate all fees associated
9 with the issuance of a driver license or nondriver
10 identification card to qualified disabled veterans of
11 the United States Armed Forces.

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14 A BILL

15 TO BE ENTITLED

16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to motor vehicle licenses; to amend Section
19 32-6-4.3 and Sections 32-6-6, 32-6-6.1, 32-6-15, and 32-6-21,
20 as last amended by Act 2022-300, 2022 Regular Session, Code of
21 Alabama 1975, to eliminate all fees associated with the
22 issuance of a driver license or nondriver identification card
23 to qualified disabled veterans of the United States Armed
24 Forces.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 32-6-4.3 and Sections 32-6-6,
27 32-6-6.1, 32-6-15, and 32-6-21, as last amended by Act
28 2022-300, 2022 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, are



29 amended to read as follows:

30 "§32-6-4.3

31 (a) The nondriver identification card of a resident of
32 this state who is an honorably discharged or a qualified
33 disabled veteran as evidenced by the veteran's DD Form 214, or
34 if the veteran does not have a DD Form 214, as evidenced by
35 the veteran's Record and Report of Separation Honorable
36 Discharge Record, upon request of the eligible veteran, shall
37 have the word veteran displayed on the nondriver
38 identification card.

39 (b) The Department of Public Safety may not impose any
40 charge ~~in addition to the nondriver identification card fee~~
41 for the issuance or renewal of a qualified disabled veteran's
42 nondriver identification card."

43 "§32-6-6

44 (a) Each driver license issued by the Alabama State Law
45 Enforcement Agency, except temporary permits or other special
46 circumstances as determined by the Secretary of the Alabama
47 State Law Enforcement Agency, shall contain a distinguishing
48 number assigned to the licensee and a color photograph of the
49 licensee, the name, birthdate, address, and a description of
50 the licensee, who, for the purpose of identification and as a
51 condition precedent to the validity of the license,
52 immediately upon receipt of the license, shall endorse his or
53 her usual or regular signature upon the license in the space
54 provided, unless a facsimile of the licensee's signature
55 appears on the license.

56 (b) A photo driver license and photo nondriver

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57 identification card as provided in Section 32-6-4 shall have a
58 photo core that meets the minimum width and length dimensions
59 specified in ANSI standards X4.13-1971 and ANSI standard CR80,
60 plus or minus 1/4 inch. In addition to all current and
61 existing fees, the agency may charge an additional fee to
62 recover the cost of producing and issuing photo driver
63 licenses and photo nondriver identification cards. The fee may
64 not exceed ten cents (\$.10) over the actual cost of producing
65 and issuing the license or card including the cost of
66 materials, labor costs, telecommunications costs, computer
67 costs, postage, and any other costs incurred in producing and
68 issuing a license or card.

69 (c) A driver license issued to a qualified disabled
70 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or a qualifying
71 student described in Section 16-28-40(b) L shall be exempt from
72 any fees under this section.

73 (d) Revenues collected under this section shall be used
74 by the agency for the sole purpose of this program, and any
75 excess shall revert to the General Fund at the end of each
76 fiscal year.

77 "§32-6-6.1

78 In addition to any other fees imposed for issuance of a
79 driver license and photo nondriver identification card, the
80 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall impose an
81 additional fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for each driver license
82 and photo nondriver identification card issued, except for a
83 driver license issued to a qualifying student, as defined in
84 Section 16-28-40(b) (2). A qualified disabled veteran of the



85 United States Armed Forces shall be exempt from this fee. The
86 fee collected under this section shall be allocated and
87 appropriated to the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Trust Fund
88 created by the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Act of 2008,
89 Division 2, commencing with Section 16-44A-50, of Article 2 of
90 Chapter 44A, and expenditures of the fee pursuant to the
91 master plan for facilities, programs, and outreach provided by
92 that division and its related programs.

93 "§32-6-15

94 (a) In the event any driver license issued under this article
95 is lost or destroyed, the individual to whom the same was
96 issued may upon collection of the required fee and upon
97 furnishing proof to the Secretary of the Alabama State Law
98 Enforcement Agency that the same has been lost or destroyed,
99 secure a duplicate. No fee shall be charged to a qualified
100 student, as defined by Section 16-28-40(b) (2), for his or her
101 first duplicate driver license. The second and subsequent
102 duplicates applied for shall require the payment of a fee of
103 fifteen dollars (\$15) and, upon furnishing proof to the
104 secretary that his or her previously held license or duplicate
105 has been lost or destroyed, secure another duplicate.
106 Application for a duplicate shall be made to the secretary on
107 forms provided by the secretary. The fee shall be collected by
108 the secretary, paid into the State Treasury, and credited to
109 the Highway Traffic Safety Fund for the Alabama State Law
110 Enforcement Agency. No fee for any duplicate license shall be
111 charged to any qualified disabled veteran of the United State
112 Armed Forces.



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113 (b) Any person making a false affidavit to the
114 Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency for the
115 purpose of obtaining a duplicate driver license shall be
116 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished
117 by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days
118 or by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor
119 more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

120 "§32-6-21

134 (b) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall
135 issue proper receipts for the examination fee and shall
136 properly transmit all monies received by the agency for
137 deposit in the State General Fund."

138 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
139 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
140 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.